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SUB: US/ JAPAN CONSULTATIONS ON KOREA

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1. WE REMAIN PREPARED TO GO AHEAD WITH US/ JAPAN CONSULTATIONS ON KOREA ON DATES SCHEDULED, MAY 8-9. BUT, GIVEN PROBLEMS IN MAINTAINING CONFIDENTIALITY OF THESE CONSULTATIONS, WE WOULD PREFER TO ADVISE ROK OF PROPOSED TALKS IN NORMAL ROUTINE FASHION.

2. SUBJECT TO YOUR COMMENTS, WE SUGGEST TAKING FOLLOWING LINES WITH ROK FOREIGN MINISTRY:

A. JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH UN AFFAIRS WILL BE VISITING NEW YORK SOON FOR GENERAL DIS-
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CUSSIONS INCLUDING KOREAN QUESTION.

B. WE INTEND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR PRESENCE TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO DEVELOPING COMMON POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION IN UNGA. IT WOULD ALSO GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET FIRMER READING ON JAPANESE INTENTIONS IN BROADER RANGE OF COMMON PROBLEMS AFFECTING KOREA SUCH AS USE OF OUR BASES IN SUPPORT OF MUTUAL SECURITY AGREEMENT.

C. FOREIGN MINISTER HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN TO AMBASSADOR OVER WAVERING JAPANESE SUPPORT. IN THIS LIGHT WE WOULD WELCOME INDICATION OF POINTS ROKG WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MADE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS.

D. WE WOULD BRIEF THEM FULLY AFTER THE MEETING.

3. BEFORE ADVISING ROK FOREIGN MINISTRY, TOKYO MAY CONSIDER IT ADVISABLE TO MAKE SURE JAPANESE ARE AGREEABLE. EMBASSY SEOUL AND TOKYO SHOULD THEN COORDINATE ON TIMING FOR NOTIFYING KOREANS. ROGERS

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